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TAGS: OEXC, DM (BEER, DAVID)

SUBJECT: U. S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

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1. BEER MOST PLEASED THAT POST APPEARS TO WANT HIS SERVICES AND EXCITED ABOUT POSSIBLE COURSE WORK. WISHES TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT HE NOT PREPARED TO TEACH AMERICAN HISTORY. CAN TEACH AFRICAN LITERATURE; HIS AFRICAN SHORT STORIES NOW BEING PUBLISHED IN LONDON. ALSO QUALIFIED TO TEACH IN AMERICAN INDIAN LITERATURE IF THIS DESIRABLE.

2. ONE SERIOUS DRAWBACK, HOWEVER, EXISTS IN HIS ACCEPTANCE OF BENIN ASSIGNMENT AND THAT IS LACK OF DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES. HE HAD TO LIVE THROUGH THIS IN ETHIOPIA AND FEELS HE CANNOT EXPOSE HIS FAMILY TO THIS PRIVATION AGAIN. HE WAS PLANNING MOROCCO ASSIGNMENT WHERE PRIVILEGES ALLOWED BUT INCUMBENT RENEWED. IF BENIN ASSIGNMENT FALLS THROUGH HE WILL WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR AND HOPE FOR MOROCCO. IS THERE ANY POSSIBLE WAY POST CAN ARRANGE FOR PRIVILEGES, IF NOT YEAR-ROUND COMMISSARY, AT LEAST INITIAL DUTY-FREE ENTRY? SOME COUNTRIES, SUCH AS GHANA, AT LEAST ALLOW A

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THREE-MONTH "WINDOW" FOR INITIAL ENTRY PRIVILEGE. IF

POST NOT ABLE ARRANGE SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE ON THIS
ISSUE, DR. BEER WILL NOT ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT.

3. ADVISE. KISSINGER

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